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COMPONENT FOR PRODUCING POLYMER MIXTURES BASED ON STARCH, AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE COMPONENT

RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

ATTN: BOX FEE AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Non-Final Office Action dated April 3, 2002, with the time for reply having been extended for three months, from July 3, 2002, or until October 3, 2002.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this patent application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Reconsideration and withdrawal are respectfully requested for the rejection of claims 18 to 34 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as